

Acts valid.

SECTION 1. *The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact*, That all ordinances passed, and acts done, in pursuance of and consistent with an act of the Legislature, ratified the eighteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, incorporating the town of Hickory, in the county of Catawba, by the present board of commissioners of said town or their predecessors, shall be valid.

Lawful officers.

SEC. 2. That the officers now acting in said town shall be the lawful officers until their successors shall be elected and qualified.

Annual election.

SEC. 3. That the board of commissioners shall annually, at least ten days before the first Monday in May, appoint as many inspectors or judges of election as to them may seem proper, (not less than three,) and shall give at least ten days' public notice in a newspaper published in the town, or by sufficient posters, that the said inspectors will hold the annual election at such place or places as the commissioners may appoint in said town and name in the said public notices: *Provided*, That if, for any reason, the inspectors appointed shall fail to act, or any one of them, the commissioners may appoint others.

Inspectors.

SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of the inspectors so appointed to hold the election according to law, after being duly sworn by any lawful officer, and report the result to the board of commissioners of Hickory, who shall keep a correct record of the same.

Oath of office.

SEC. 5. That the mayor and commissioners elected may take the oath of office prescribed before any justice of the peace of Catawba county.

Repeal.

SEC. 6. That all the provisions of the act incorporating the town of Hickory, ratified December eighteenth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three, in conflict with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 7. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified the 5th day of February, A. D. 1875.